

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Edina Heritage Preservation Board
Edina City Hall – Community Room
Tuesday, July 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL - New Member Michael Birdman was introduced
Answering roll call were Members Moore, Mellom, Christiaansen, O'Brien, Weber, and Birdman. Absent were Members Sussman, McDermott, Holtan, Good and Johnson. Staff present was Senior Planner, Joyce Repya. Preservation Consultant Robert Vogel was also in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Member Christiaansen moved to approve the meeting agenda. Member Weber seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES June 11, 2013

Member Mellom moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting. Member Christiaansen seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT – None

VI. WEST MINNEAPOLIS HEIGHTS TOUR

Preservation Consultant Robert Vogel led the board on a tour of the West Minneapolis Heights area in the Presidents neighborhood. Mr. Vogel began the tour with a brief history of the area which dates back to the mid-1850, well before Edina was incorporated in 1888. Referring to photos of some of the older significant homes provided by Member Weber; Mr. Vogel explained the development patterns and the prevalent architectural styles of the homes.

Board members observed that the properties north of Belmore Lane were developed first, with the area south of Belmore built predominantly in the post war era. They also commented that they found the area to be much more diverse than they would have expected with a large concentration of eclectic architectural styles, much like the Morningside neighborhood.

In a recap of the tour, board members agreed that they enjoyed getting out of the conference room and seeing the area first-hand and in context with its surroundings. Also observing that the experience provides a perspective one doesn't get when reading a report and looking at photographs. Planner Repya observed that those are prevalent comments heard after every annual tour, which is why the walk-about's have become a favorite summer activity for the HPB.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS - None

IX. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Mellom announced that she has asked the Hennepin County Barr Association to consider offering continuing legal education classes that address legal issues relative to preservation. The Bar Association's Real Property Section officers are considering her request and will make a decision later this year. Ms. Mellom agreed to keep the HPB advised if the Bar Association decides to offer continuing education classes addressing preservation matters.

X. STAFF COMMENTS

Historic House Tour - Planner Repya announced that the Historical Society is planning a Historic Home Tour on September 15th when the public will have the opportunity to view the Baird House, 4400 W. 50th Street (former HPB Member Forrest's home), a Country Club District Home at 4506 Arden Avenue (HPB Member Mellom's home), and a Morningside Bungalow at 4006 W. 44th Street. The tour is an event planned as part of the City's Quasquicentennial celebration, and tickets will soon be available for purchase at City Hall. The Historical Society has asked if the HPB would like to participate in the tour. Ms. Repya stated that she planned on having information available at each of the homes explaining the historic significance of each. She also encouraged any board member interested in participating in the tour to let her know.

State Preservation Conference – September 12 & 13 – Lanesboro, MN – Ms. Repya reminded the board that the upcoming State Preservation Conference is scheduled for September 12 and 13 in Lanesboro, MN. Because Edina is a Certified Local Government (CLG), we are required to send at least one board member to the annual conference. Currently, Member Sussman has indicated that he plans to attend the conference, and she encouraged the board member to consider adding this worthwhile conference to their schedules. She added that because Edina is a CLG there are scholarship funds available to pay for the conference and lodging. The board thanked Ms. Repya for the reminder and agreed to let her know if they would be able to attend.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE August 13, 2013

XII. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 p.m.

Member O'Brien moved for adjournment at 8:30 p.m. Member Birdman seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Repya